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Letter dated 4 August 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government, I attach herewith the statement of Edward Nalbandian, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia, on recent Azerbaijani provocations (see annex).

I request that you kindly circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 33, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 4 August 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement of Edward Nalbandian, Foreign Minister of Armenia, on recent Azerbaijani provocations

2 August 2014

We strongly condemn the provocative actions of recent days on the line of contact between Nagorno-Karabakh and Azerbaijan and on the border between Armenia and Azerbaijan, which resulted in the loss of many lives and sharply raised the tension.

Baku continues to grossly violate the ceasefire agreements of May 1994 and February 1995, ignore the calls of the Heads of the Co-Chair countries of the OSCE Minsk Group to refrain from provocative actions and from the escalation of the situation, and the appeals of the international community that through the use of force the conflict can not be resolved, and that only through negotiations can stability and peace be achieved. The recurrent adventurism of Baku pursues an aim to undermine the negotiation process.

Being the initiator and instigator of the provocations, Azerbaijan is trying to put responsibility for them on the other side. However, it is obvious that by rejecting the proposals of the international community on the establishment of a mechanism of investigation of incidents, Azerbaijan is assuming the whole responsibility for the ceasefire violations.

It is high time for the international community to sober up the Azerbaijani leadership, which has lost the sense of reality and is going against the value system of the international community.

Together with the Co-Chair countries Armenia will take the necessary steps for halting the provocative acts, for the stabilization of the situation, and for continuation of the negotiation process aimed at the settlement of the conflict exclusively through peaceful means.